



CHARITABLE GAMING BULLETIN – 2007 - #3

TO: All Organizations

FROM: Harry Durham, Interim Director

SUBJECT: 2007 Legislative Changes

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We wish to advise you of changes to the Charitable Gaming Statutes §18.2–340.15 *et seq* which will become effective **July 1, 2007**. It is important that appropriate organization officials review all of the enclosed revisions of the Charitable Gaming Statutes to ensure you are complying with the law. The following are some of the required changes but are not all inclusive:

- **Bingo cards and the sheets used for bingo jackpot games shall be sold separately** from the bingo cards or sheets used for any other bingo games and the organization shall **separately account** for the proceeds from such sales. (§18.2-340.33.9)
- The proceeds from any bingo game commonly referred to as “**winner-take-all**” games **shall not be included in determining the gross receipts**. (§18.2-340.30.1). Limits “winner-take-all” to two games per session of play. (§18.340.33.10)
- **As a part of its annual fund raising event, any qualified organization that is an athletic association, or booster club or a band booster club may sell instant bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards provided that the sale is limited to a single event in a calendar year and the event is open to the public.** (§ 18.2-340.26:2)
- **Allows the sale of games commonly known as “last sale games” in social quarters only.** (§ 18.2-340.26:1)
- **In order to receive remuneration, bingo callers for volunteer fire departments or rescue squads or auxiliary units thereof are no longer required to register with the Department.** (§ 18.2-340.34:1.D)
- **In order to receive remuneration, bingo callers other than those for volunteer fire departments or rescue squads or auxiliary units thereof, are still required to register with the Department, but are no longer required to be bona fide members of the organization.** (§18.2-340.34:1)

- **In order to receive remuneration, bingo managers shall have been bona fide members of the organization for at least 12 consecutive months prior to making application for registration. (18.2-340.34.1)**
- **Requires manufacturers of electronic games of chance to obtain a permit with the Department. (18.2-340.34)**
- **Changed the definition of “instant bingo”, “pull tabs”, or “seal cards” to include Department approved electronic versions thereof. (§18.2-340.34). The procedure to develop an approval process of these electronic gaming systems will be a lengthy one, but we will keep you informed as to the Department’s progress.**

The Charitable Gaming Rules and Regulations are currently being revised to be consistent with the revisions to the Charitable Gaming laws. Revisions to the rules and regulations must be approved by the Charitable Gaming Board and processed through the Administrative Process Act. They will be available later in the year. In the interim, as always, the law will be controlling if there are conflicts between the law and the current rules and regulations.

Please keep in mind these are only some of the changes enacted by the General Assembly and that you should refer to the enclosed copies of the statutes which have changed for complete information. *Changes to the legislation are noted in italics.* Additional information, including forms, can be found on the Department’s website www.dcg.virginia.gov .

If you have questions you can also call our Licensing and Regulation department at 804-225-2801.

